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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director (Personnel)

SUBJECT : Status of Public Law No. 53 Positions

REFERENCE : Proposed Memorandum for DCI from Acting DD/A, same subject.

1. I believe that we should rewrite the referenced memorandum, shorten it a little, be sure of the facts, and bring out another point or two. I have the following suggestions:

a. Start out by saying —

"The Agency has authority under Public Law No. 53 to employ not more than 15 retired officers or warrant officers who have retired for longevity or disability incurred not in line of duty and who would not otherwise be eligible.

At the present time, the following personnel are employed or in process under this authority:"

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2. Regarding your paragraph 5, I believe that this list should be confined to those which have approval of the Director (see CIA Regulation [] paragraph 1.B.(4)(d). I am reasonably certain that he has given his approval in the case of [] Colonel Edwards. In addition, I know that he has given his approval in the case of [] whose name has not been included on this list.

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3. I think that we should also point out to the Director the dates on which these officers who are still on active duty are to be retired and in this connection advise him whether or not they can retire sooner. I am thinking particularly of Colonel Edwards. We have a commitment from the Secretary of the Army that we can retain him until 1 July 1953 unless sooner retired. It would be financially advantageous for Colonel Edwards to retire and remain as a civilian, and it is my understanding that this is what he wants to do. Even if he could remain on active duty, in my opinion it would be unfair if he is otherwise eligible for retirement.

4. We should also add a sentence which points out that while we are asking for legislation to take this ceiling away we can't ask for it until January. It is not certain that it will be approved and if it is it may be as late as next summer. Therefore, we cannot continue to make unlimited commitments.

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